THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) The Central Assistance is provided in the form of block loan and block grant in the States Plan and is not tied to any project/programme except the amount earmarked under Special Problems criteria.

(c) The information is given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Details of Irrigation Projects for which Foreign Agencies have provided assistance

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Name of External Agency	Amount of Assistance	Date of Agreement	Date of closing/termination
1.	Periyar Vaigai . . .	IDA	33.20 US$ Million	10-12-84	31-10-93
2.	Dam safety (including Tamil Nandu component) . .	IBRD } IDA }	154.37 US$ Million	10-6-91	30-9-97
3.	National Water Management (including Tamil Nadu Component) . . .	IDA	127.27 US$ Million	12-5-87	31-3-95
4.	Tank irrigation systems in Tamil Nadu Phase II .	EEC	24.5 ECU Milliom	27-4-89	31-10-95

Annual Per Capita Assistance to Tamil Nadu

1968. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the annual per capita central assistance being provided to each States and Union Territories;

(b) whether the annual per capita average central assistance being provided to Tamil Nadu is the lowest in comparison to the annual per capita average central assistance to other States and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The annual per capita Central Assistance allocated to the States under the Mukherjee formula as approved by National Development Council and for Union Territories for Annual Plan 1994-95 may be seen in the Statement attached. (*see below*).

(b) The per capita Central Plan assistance allocated to Tamil Nadu is not the lowest among the comparable non-Special Category States and States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal received per capita Central Plan assistance lower than Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

Per Capita (Gross) allocation of Central Assistance for Annual Plan 1994-95

	States/Union Territories	Per Capita (Rs.)
	I. STATES :	
	A. Special Category* :—	
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	6,556
2.	Assam	612
3.	Himachal Pradesh	1,070
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,810
5.	Manipur	2,226
6.	Meghalaya	2,093
7.	Mizoram	6,219
8.	Nagaland	4,475
9.	Sikkim	6,427
10.	Tripura	1,591
	TOTAL—A	1,320
	B. Non-Special Category** :—	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	163
2.	Bihar	170
3.	Goa	595
4.	Gujarat	105
5.	Haryana	188
6.	Karnataka	105
7.	Kerala	180
8.	Madhya Pradesh	136
9.	Maharashtra	91
10.	Orissa	173
11.	Punjab	120@
12.	Rajasthan	170
13.	Tamil Nadu	159
14.	Uttar Pradesh	146
15.	West Bengal	111
	TOTAL—B	142
	TOTAL—(A+B) :	202

Statement—*contd.*

States/Union Territories	Per Captia (Rs.)
II. UNION TERRITORIES : A. With Legislature—	
1. Delhi	268 (3,837)
2. Pondicherry	1,807 (2,860)
B. Without Legislature—	
3. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	17,826
4. Chandigarh	3,424
5. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3,378
6. Daman & Diu	2,984
7. Lakshadweep	10,000
TOTAL :	1,108

* Presently in the pattern of 90% grant and 10% loan.

** Presently in the pattern of 30% grant and 70% loan.

@ Excluding Special Plan Loan.

NOTE 1. The per capita figures are derived on the basis of 1971 Census Population as used in the formula according to the population Policy Statement 1977.

NOTE 2. Parantheses show the figures of the per capita outlays comparable to those of other Union Territories which are fully funded through Central assistance.

Implementation of Expert Group's Recommendations on Poverty

1969. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 380 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th December, 1993 and state :

(a) the main reasons for delay in implementing the recommendations of the Expert Group on poverty;

(b) whether the report has thrown some very revealing details in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to implement the recommendations of the Expert Group ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The report of the Expart Group on Poverty has been circulated to the Central Departments and Experts for their comments. The Expert Group has recommended the same poverty line which was recommended by the Task Force on Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand (1979) i.e. Rs. 49.09 for rural areas and Rs. 56.64 for urban areas at 1973-74 prices. The Expert Group, however has recommended a different methodology for updating the poverty line for price rise, which has increased the estimate of people living below the poverty line in the country.

Funds Sanctioned for Small Hydel Power Projects in M. P.

1970. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of funds made available by Government to Madhya Pradesh during